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Ian Tomlinson et al.

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For: MATRIX SCREENING METHOD

Examiner: A. D. Steele

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. A three month extension in time for reply is requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.